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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

August 14, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Steve Kennedy Adjuster George A. Butler Adjusters, Inc. 15 Mulberry Street Springfield, MA 0 1105

RE: FOIA Reauest S705077: Black and Decker Toaster Ovens / Complaints. Reported Incidents and Investigations of Incidents 'nvolving Overheating

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information from the Commission. The records from the Commission files responsive to your request have been processed and copies of the releasable responsive records are enclosed. We have searched the Commission's injury information files covering the past two years and the current year for information responsive to your request.

The enclosed records include four Epidemiologic Investigation Reports with the underlying and supporting documentation and related product complaints or reported incidents where available. The Commission has received this information from its formal investigation systems. Through these systems the Commission hopes to learn when specific products are associated with illness, injury or death. The Commission believes that it has taken reasonable steps to assure the accuracy of this information. While conducting the interviews for the investigation reports, Commission staff or contractors have spoken with the individuals involved or with others who witnessed or are familiar with the incidents. Where possible, Commission staff have examined the products reportedly involved in the incidents. Although the Commission has investigated the incidents described in the investigation reports, the Commission has not necessarily determined the cause of the incidents.

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Also enclosed are records pertaining to one product complaint and reported incident submitted to the Commission by a consumer. The consumer or submitter has confirmed the accuracy of the information in the complaint and reported incident. The Commission has neither investigated the incident nor conducted or obtained any evaluations of the product that corroborate the substance of the information contained in the complaint and reported incident. In this case, we have removed the identity of the complainant at his or her request.

The other records from the Commission files responsive to your request relate to two product complaints and reported incidents that the Commission has obtained from consumers, attorneys for consumers and others. The Commission has not received confirmation of the accuracy of the information in the complaints and reported incidents. Pursuant to Exemption 3 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) and section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(l), and our regulations, 16 C.F.R. § 1101.32, we must withhold the unconfirmed product complaints and reported in c i d e n t s.

FOIA Exemption 3 provides for the withholding from disclosure of matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by another statute. In applying FOIA Exemption 3, we are relying on section 6(b)(1) of the CPSA. That section prohibits the Commission from disclosing information about a consumer product that identifies a manufacturer or private labeler unless the Commission has taken "reasonable steps" to assure that the information is accurate, that disclosure is fair in the circumstances, and that disclosure will be reasonably related to effectuating the purposes of the laws that the Commission administers, See Commission regulation, 16 C.F.R. § 1101.32. The Commission's policy is to withhold each consumer complaint and reported incident unless: (1) the Commission has conducted an investigation of the complaint and reported incident, and the investigation corroborates the substance of the complaint and reported incident; (2) the Commission has conducted or obtained a technical, scientific, or other evaluation of the product that is the subject of the complaint and reported incident, and evaluation corroborates the substance of the information contained in the complaint and reported incident; or (3) the consumer or person reporting or submitting the incident confirms the accuracy of the information. The Commission did not take any of these steps with regard to these certain consumer complaints and reported incidents responsive to your request. While it has been Commission practice since June 1983 to seek confirmation of incoming consumer complaints and incidents, the Commission does not have the resources to seek confirmation of the complaints and incidents where a consumer has not responded to our request for confirmation of the information.

You will note that in the documents disclosed information that could identify injured parties and persons treating them has been deleted, because section 25(c) of the CPSA, 15 U. S.C. § 2074(c)(l), prohibits such disclosures without the consent of those individuals. In some cases the parties have denied consent or consent has not otherwise been obtained.

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According to the Commission's regulations implementing the FOIA at 16 C .F.R. § 1015.7, a partial denial of access to records may be appealed to the General Counsel of the Commission within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. An appeal must be in writing and addressed to: FOIA APPEAL, General Counsel, ATTN: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D. C. 20207.

Processing this request, performing the file searches and preparing the information, cost the Commission \$80.00. In this instance, we have decided to waive all of the charges. Thank you for your interest in consumer product safety.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Stevenson Deputy Secretary and Freedom of Information Officer Office of the Secretary

Enclosures

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Information for this report was obtained in a phone conversation with the female home-owner. The product involved is an electric toaster oven.

PRE-EVENT

The site of this event is a single family dwelling in a coastal community in central California. The family had used an electric toaster oven for home usage for a number-of years and was satisfied with their experiences. In 1991, the family had occasion to replace the aging toaster oven and chose one of the same brand. They used this new toaster oven daily (at least 4 to 5 times a week) without incident.

The new toaster oven was placed on a tiled kitchen counter. It was placed away from the edge of the counter near the back wall. It was located underneath overhead wooden cabinets. It was plugged into an electrical wall outlet directly behind the toaster oven. Nothing else was stored on the kitchen counter in the vicinity of the toaster oven.

The toaster oven was left plugged in.

EVENT

The day of the event was 2-14-95, a Tuesday. The adult female in the house used the toaster oven in the morning to prepare toast. The toast was prepared as desired and the toaster oven turned itself off as it had countless times before.

The respondent remained in the house performing cleaning chores until 3:00 PM. She was cleaning in/near the kitchen. She did not

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use the toaster oven at lunch. She did not place anything near the toaster oven. There is very little room under the kitchen cabinet near the toaster oven.

The respondent returned to the home at 6:00 PM. The house was full of smoke. She traced the source to the electric toaster oven.

POST EVENT

The respondent found the two elements of the toaster oven scarlet red. The on/off lever was in the up (off) position. A roll of paper towels above the toaster oven was scorched. The tile behind the toaster oven was blackened. The outer metal casing of the toaster oven was covered with soot. and the oven's control knobs were melted. The power cord was melting but the metal conductor was not visible. The plug was melting. The cover plate for the electrical wall outlet was melting and blacked.

The respondent used a towel to unplug the toaster oven. The plug blades did not remain in the outlet. She then aired out the house. Since no flames were observed, the fire department was not called.

The tile and wall surfaces in the kitchen required cleaning but not repainting.

The day after the event, the respondent notified both the manufacturer and CPSC of this incident.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The manufacturer asked the respondent to return the toaster oven. The respondent sent it to Black & Decker o/a 3-1-95, five days

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before the telephone interview with C&C.

When filing the complaint on the CPSC Hotline, the respondent described the product as a Black & Decker 1500 watt electric toaster oven, model TR35TY. The on/off switch on the product is a lever that is pushed down to turn the toaster oven on.

The respondent thought the retailer may have been Orchard Supply Hardware, Capitola, California. The respondent purchased the toaster new.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

The respondent reported to the CPSC Hotline that the toaster oven had a UL symbol with the number 228E -associated with the symbol.

ATTACHMENTS

Attached to this report are the assignment documents.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT	INCIDENT	REPORT -	L-440
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CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT H9520201A

Narrative Continued

2/15/95 Consumer called and explained incident to manufacture; (name unknown), who requested oven for inspection and offered consumer a new replacement toaster oven (unknown if identical). Consumer doesn't want a replacement oven and may send original oven to manufacturer in 1 month.

Distributor phone #: unknown

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The following investigation was assigned as an IDI on June 3,.1995. The incident involves a toaster oven that had been working for approximately 1 year without any problems.

PRE-INCIDENT:

The victim on May 1, 1995 who was in fine emotional and physical condition arrived home from work and everything appeared to normal. The victim and her dog then went outside. As the victim and the dog were outside the victim stated that she could smell smoke but didn't think to much of it because a neighbor of hers burns things all the time.

INCIDENT:

As the victim was bringing in her dog she smelled smoke and looked up and noticed white smoke spewing throughout her house. Suddenly the smoke detectors started to go off and the victim quickly tried to locate where the smoke was coming from but she could not find it. The victim then called her husband at work. The victim's father in-law happened to pick up the phone. The victim explained to her father in-law what was happening. He immediately told her to get out of the house and call the fire department. The victim dialed 911 and ran next door to her grandfathers house with her dog. The victim informed her grandfather what was happening. The victim and the grandfather ran back to the house where the grandfather immediately discovered that the Black and Decker Toaster Oven which had all the control panels in the off position with newspapers stacked upon it was smoldering.

POST-INCIDENT:

The victim quickly unplugged the toaster oven and put out the smoldering fire of newspapers. As the victim was opening the windows in the house to air it out the Fire Department arrived. The victim informed the Fire Department as to what had just occurred. They informed the victim that this was not the first incident with a Black & Decker Toaster Oven to turn on when the control panel states that it is off. At that point the victim freely handed over the toaster oven to the Groton Fire Department to do what ever they wanted to do with it.

The victim stated that she had received the toaster oven as a shower gift approximately 1 year ago. The victim stated that at the time of the incident the toaster oven was plugged into a regular 120v socket. The controls were in the off position. Being that the product was seldom used newspapers and mail had been placed on the top of the oven.

On June 2, 1995, the victim wrote to the manufacturer to inform them what had occurred. (Exhibit I)

A letter dated June 12, 1995 was received by the victim from the manufacturer acknowledging that they had received her letter. (Exhibit II) Also in this letter Black & Decker stated that they realize that the Groton Fire Department has the possession of the product and that they would like the victim to regain possession so they may have the opportunity to inspect the product. This letter also stated that the manufacturer would like to discuss this matter with the victim. The victim stated she has contacted the manufacturer to discuss the incident but was told to leave a message and a person would get back to her. To date the victim has yet to get a call back from the manufacturer.

On June 9, 1995 an inspector for the Department Of Consumer-Protection went to the Groton Fire Department to collect the toaster oven sample to have it shipped to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for inspection.

On the back of the toaster oven it states "Black & Decker, model No TRO-400TY 1, Shelton CT, 120Volts, 1500 Watts, 50-60 Hz-AC- Only. Household use only. UL Toaster Listed 228E. Toast-R-Oven Broiler.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Manufacturer: Black &Decker

6 Armstrong Rd Shelton, CT 06484

Brand Name:

Toast-R-Oven

Model Number: TRO -400TYI

EXHIBITS

I. Letter to manufacturer from victim.

II Response letter to victim from manufacturer

III Groton Fire Department Incident Report

IV Booklet on use and care of toaster oven

V Pictures of toaster oven

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Figure 5-3

RELEASE

RECORD

U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

Thank you for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission depends on concerned people to share product safety information with us. We maintain a record of this information, and use it to assist us in identifying and resolving product safety problems.

We routinely forward this information to manufacturers and private labelers to inform them of the involvement of their product in an accident situation. We also give the information to others requesting information about specific products. Manufacturers need the individual's name so that they can obtain additional information on the product or accident situation.

Would you please indicate on the bottom of this page whether you will allow us to disclose your name. If you request that your name remain confidential, we will of course honor that request. After you have indicated your preference, please sign your name and date the document on the lines provided.

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June 2, 1995

Consumer Assistance and Information Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc.
6 Armstrong Road
Shelton, CT 06404

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted you to be aware of a situation that occurred in my home on May 1, 1995. Upon arriving home from work I could smell a burning odor throughout my entire house, I checked every room and could not identify what the smell was. I went outside for approximately 8 minutes to let my dog out and when I returned inside my Black & Decker Toaster Oven was ablaze and my entire house was filled with thick smoke. I immediately dialed 911 and the fire department was dispatched to my home, upon their arrival they discovered that my Black & Decker Toaster Oven was over-heating with all the controls in the off position. They informed me that this was not the first incident with a Black & Decker Toaster Oven and that your company had been notified of this occurrence previously and nothing had been done to correct this situation. If I had not arrived home from work when I did, I would have not only lost my home and all its contents, I would have also lost my dog.

On the back of your Use and Care Book you state that, "If the product should become defective within the warranty period we will repair it or elect to replace It free of charge". I do not want it repaired or replaced, but what do you define "defective" as? Coming home to find your Black & Decker Toaster Oven ablaze? I'm very fortunate that I escaped a tragedy, and I hope others have been as lucky as I was, but I feel that this could have been avoided if you only had taken the appropriate measures to correct this serious problem. The Fire Department has confiscated my Black & Decker Toaster Oven and are Investigating into this problem further. Please know that I have notified everyone I come in contact with that owns a Black & Decker Toaster Oven to be aware that there is a serious problem and to pass the information on to others who own your products.

Attached is the Fire incident Report that contains all the information on the fire as well as the year, make, model and serial no. of my Black & Decker Toaster Oven.

Lauren Santacroce-Lyon 38 Chapman Street Groton, CT 06340 Towsen, Mary and 21286

87-930 Mail Stop: TW 177 Direct Dial: 410-716-2182 Exhibit II

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BLACK & DECKER

June 12, 1995

Lauren Santacroce-Lyon 36 Chapman Street Groton, Connecticut 06340

RE: B&D #: 22520

Dear Ms. Santacroce-Lyon:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1995.

We thank you for taking the opportunity in advising us of the incident you experienced with one of our products. Black & Decker is very concerned with the use, care and safety of our products and would like an opportunity to inspect your toaster oven. I realize that the Groton Fire Department has possession of the product and therefore we are requesting that you regain possession so we may have the opportunity to inspect the product.

I would also like to discuss the incident with you at your convenience. Please contact me at 1-800-231-9786, extension 2-2182 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

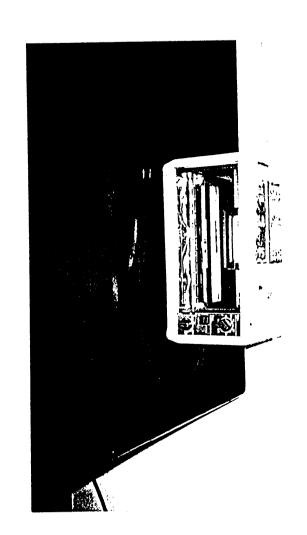
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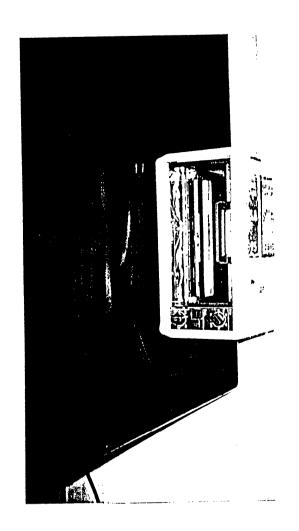
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Department of Consumer Protection CONSUMER STATEMENT/PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT 9か52ンCNé 53 6

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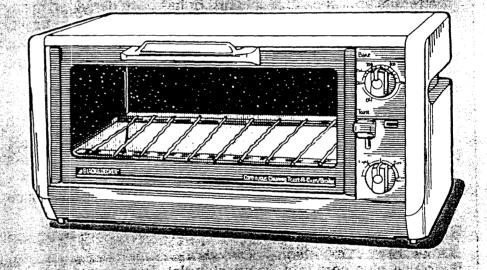
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Exhibit II

Toast-R-Oven™ Broilers



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800-231-9786 QUESTIONS? Please call us TOLL FREE Monday - Friday 8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

MODELS TRO51, TRO400 -TRO600

EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

An electric toaster oven that was not in use, but was plugged into flames. The toaster oven was approximately 5-7 years old. The oven was used about once experimentally. There were no problems with the toaster before this incident. No one was injured. The toaster oven was destroyed.

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PRE-ACCIDENT:

All of the information concerning this incident was obtained through a telephone interview for the victim. The victim is a non smoking male. The victim has not mental or physical deficiencies that could hinder this investigation.

The electric toaster oven was approximately 5-7 years of age and the point of purchase is unknown. The product was used approximately once every other day and always remained plugged in regardless of whether the product was being used.

ACCIDENT:

On April 8, 1996, the victim was sitting in his living room and heard a noise in the kitchen, which is one room over. When the victim entered the kitchen he noticed that the toaster oven was in flames. The victim quickly extinguished the fire. The fire did not spread and no other damage was done other than the burning of the oven. No one was injured.

POST ACCIDENT:

The victim then contacted the Wakefield, MA Fire Department who in turn field an incident report with this agency. The toaster oven in question was thrown away by the complainant. There were no engineering tests performed on the toaster oven by the Wakefield Fire Department. There is no lawsuit pending.

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

None

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

Black and Decker Electric Toaster Oven Model TRO400TY1
120v
1500w
UL listed 228E

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ATTACHMENTS:

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- Field Activity Coversheet
 Epidemiologic Investigation Report
 Authorization for Release of Name (will be forwarded)
 Wakefield F.D. Fire Report (will be forwarded)

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ISSUE MAY 14 1996 CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT (HOME) (WORK) 2. PHONE NO. 1. NAME OF RESPONDENT 617-246-6435 none Michael Sullivan (Lieutenant) STATE ZIP CODE 4. CITY 3. STREET ADDRESS. MA 01880 Wakefiel'd 37 Crescent St. 5. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES
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The contents of this report are based on an interview with the "victim" (the respondent). At present, the respondent does not have the owner's manual, 'but should he find it, he will mail it to the CPSC FOWR office.

PRE EVENT:

The respondent purchased the subject toaster/oven about a year prior to the event as a replacement for a similar appliance which would no longer toast. He placed it on the kitchen counter which is surfaced in Formica-type material. The family, consisting of two adults only (no children), used it almost every day for about ten minutes; although usage was mostly for toasting bread, several times a week he or his spouse would use the broiler section for "cooking" cheese sandwiches and similar items. For toasting, they used the "lever" which one pushes down and then waits until it pops back up. For broiling, they used the knob control which sets the temperature. The usage was routine, but not heavy. The appliance gave satisfactory performance. It had never been repaired, and gave no indication that a malfunction would occur.

DURING:

On this day, the respondent left the home on an errand. Neither he nor his spouse could recall when they had last used the appliance. To the best of their knowledge, the toaster-oven was in the turned off mode when he left that morning. Upon his return several hours later, he immediately smelled smoke as he entered the front door, and in addition, the smoke detector was sounding an alarm. He went to the kitchen. The subject toaster-oven was turned on, and it was hot, very hot. He immediately unplugged it; he did not "touch" the controls.

POST EVENT:

After the appliance was unplugged, the respondent inspected it. The shaft portion of the temperature knob was badly burned, and it fell off. He plugged the toaster in. It immediately began to

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heat and continued so without going through normal temperature cycling. When he opened the glass door, the toaster turned off. Closing the door, turned the oven back on. He contacted CPSC - FOWR and supplied the unit as a sample with instructions not to "touch" the controls until the malfunction could be isolated by a qualified analyst.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Product: Oven Toaster
Brand name: Black & Decker

Model: TRO

Power: 120 volts ac, 1500 watts

Dimensions: 14-5/8" wide, 7-1/2" to 8-1/2" deep, 7-3/8" high.

Manufacturer: Black and Decker, Shelton, Conn.

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

T-860-7380

STANDARDS INFORMATION:

The product carries the logo of Underwriters Laboratories

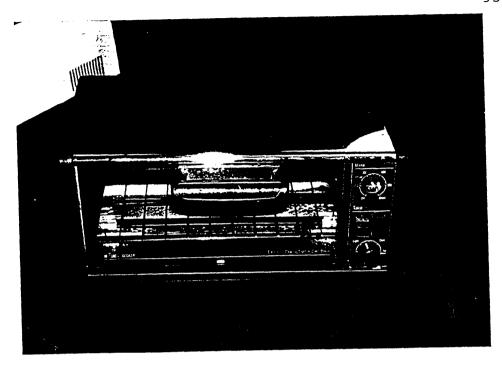
LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- (1): The subject toaster/oven.
- (2): Close-up of the control section of the front panel.
- (3): Labeling on the glass door; it reads "Black & Decker".
- (4): Manufacturer's identification.

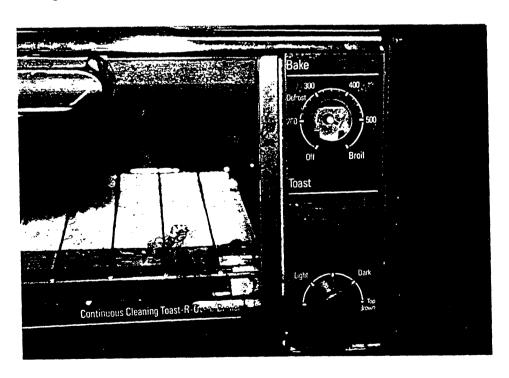
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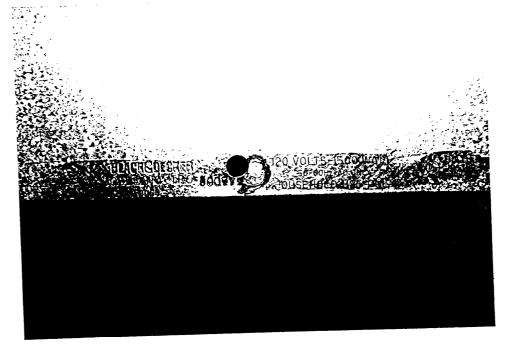
PHOTOGRAPH 1: The subject toaster oven.



PHOTOGRAPH 2 Close-up of the control section of the front panel. The settings remain "untouched"; they are positioned exactly as they were at the time of the event. Labeling on the glass door reads "Continuous Cleaning Toast-R-Oven/Broiler".



PHOTOGRAPH 3: it reads "Black & Decker". Labeling on the glass door;



PHOTOGRAPH 4

Manufacturer's identification; it is pressed and reads of the bottom panel (cleaning shorton, Conn.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT (WORK) (HOME) OF RESPONDENT ñôñê CITY STATE ZIP CODE STREET ADDRESS MA 02747-1011 N. Dartmouth INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES 5. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, Oven was on "toaster" setting at 450 degrees for 4 minutes. Consumer noticed outside of oven was hot to the touch and found several burn marks on top of oven's hard plastic outer casing. Consumer went to turn off oven by its hard plastic knob but it popped off. Consumer was able to put knob back on oven to turn it off. Consumer discontinued use of oven. -cont-8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM 7.IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS OBTAIN AGE/SEX 6. DATE RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME 0 A/NOF none AND DESCRIBE INJURY: INCIDENTS RELATIONSHIP 8/10/95 none none 10. BRANDNAME 9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT Black & Decker electric toaster/broiler oven 11. MFR/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDR. & PHONE 12. MODE, SERIAL NUMBERS TR0500 Black & Decker 6 Armstrong Rd. 13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE Snelton, CT 06484 Filene's #93 800-231-9786 Silver City Galleria unknown Taunton, MA 00000 unknown 508-880-0030 unknown 15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW x $\overline{14}$. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR DATE PURCHASED 8/10/95 AGE 1 day NO x IF YES, BEFORE YES MODIFIED? DESCRIBE: OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE: unknown 18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL 19. MAY WE 17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE AVAILABLE? YES x USE YOUR NAME YES x NO MANUFACTURER? IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION WITH THIS returning to dealer 8/12/95 OTHER? X REPORT? NO THEM? YES YES x NO 22. DOCUMENT NO. 20. DATE RECEIVED AFxcisions/Revisions H9580140A Firm has not requested 08/11/95 24. PRODUCT CODE(S) FOLLOW-UP ACTION further notice 0234 -14

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ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT H9580140A

Narrative Continued

8/11/95 Consumer called and explained incident to manufacturer's customer service rep., (name unknown), who said oven is not insulated and is made to get hot and if consumer was unhappy with oven to return it to dealer.

Consumer plans to return oven to dealer for a refund on 8/12/95. UL listing is unknown.

Distributor phone #: unknown

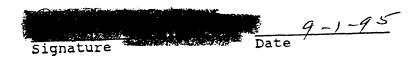
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If you have any changes, additions, or comments you wish to make concerning your attached report, please make them in space below.

Subsequent to the return of the Black of Decker electric toaster I brailer over, OSTER purchased a toaster manufactured by the substituted by the which is insulated. I am very pleased with the decision to revert to an electric toaster.

I confirm that the information in the attached report (including any changes, additions, or comments I have made) is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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